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1. A barrier implement intended for obstructing a route of travel of crawling arthropods along a passageway, comprising:

a sheet configured to circumscribe a passageway along which arthropods crawl, a dimension of said sheet sized relative to said passageway;

5 an arthropod deterring component associated with said sheet for deterring said crawling arthropods and impeding their route of travel along said passageway.

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2. The barrier implement of claim 1 wherein the sheet is molded.

3. The barrier implement of claim 1 wherein the sheet is extruded.

4. The barrier implement of claim 1 wherein the sheet is pliable.

5. The barrier implement of claim 1 wherein the sheet is stiff.

6. The barrier implement of claim 1 wherein the sheet comprises an arthropod deterring component molded directly therein.

7. The barrier implement of claim 1 wherein the sheet comprises an arthropod deterring component applied thereon.

8. The barrier implement of claim 1 wherein the sheet is configured to circumscribe a passageway defined by a utility wall plate abutting a wall.

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9. The barrier implement of claim 8 wherein the sheet is configured to circumscribe a passageway defined by an opening through the utility wall plate intended for access of a utility receptacle therethrough.

10. The barrier implement of claim 8 wherein the sheet is configured

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to circumscribe a passageway defined by a space between the utility wall plate and the wall to which it abuts.

11. The barrier implement of claim 8 wherein the opposing ends of the sheet are substantially equal in length, and an opening defined through the sheet is intended for receipt of the utility receptacle therethrough.

12. The barrier implement of claim 1 wherein the sheet is configured to circumscribe a passageway defined by an exterior surface of a narrow or elongated structure and provide a vermin impervious obstruction to arthropods crawling along the elongated structure.

13. The barrier implement of claim 12 further including a shield for said barrier implement.

14. The barrier implement of claim 1 wherein the barrier implement is configured to correspond to a flange.

15. The barrier implement of claim 14 wherein the sheet is configured in an O-shaped to fit behind a flange used for obstructing a route of travel along elongated structures.

16. A method of impeding a route of travel of crawling arthropods from moving from a location A to a location B, comprising the steps of:

associating an arthropod deterring component with a sheet configured to circumscribe a passageway along which arthropods crawl, a dimension of said sheet sized relative to said passageway;

separating location A from location B by positioning said sheet therebetween;

creating an arthropod-impervious barrier between location A and location B;

impeding a route of travel of crawling arthropods from moving from

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location B.

17. The method of claim 16 comprising the additional step of molding the arthropod deterring component in said sheet.

18. The method of claim 16 comprising the additional step of applying the arthropod deterring component to said sheet.

19. The method of claim 16 comprising the additional step of situating the sheet behind a utility wall plate such that the sheet is defined by a utility wall plate abutting a wall.

20. The method of claim 16 comprising the additional step of positioning the sheet about an elongated structure to be defined by an exterior surface of the elongated structure; providing a vermin impervious obstruction to arthropods from the structure.

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